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- As of June 1953 there was an Economic Planning Committee¹ in each of the provinces of Northeast China. These committees were established by the Chinese Communist Northeast Government Committee² in order to strengthen the financial and economic programs of the Northeast China Area. The committees were to study and investigate the financial and economic activities of the respective provinces in industry, agriculture, mining, trade, commerce, banking, and cooperatives; and to develop and implement plans for the future.
- Each committee had one chairman, two to four deputy chairmen, and 13 to 17 members. The chairman was the provincial committee secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, while committee members included the chairman of the provincial government, the director of the provincial cooperative, the manager of the provincial branch of the Bank of China, the director of the provincial industry department, the director of the provincial agriculture department, the director of the provincial forestry department,³ and other special appointees.
- Each committee was organized into four departments: investigation, statistics, policy, and research; and into four divisions: industry, commerce, agriculture, and forestry.⁴ Each committee also had a secretariat and a security office.

25X1X 1. [REDACTED] Comment. It is not known whether the original provincial committees of financial and economic affairs were abolished with the establishment of the Economic Planning Committees.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. According to available information, the provinces of Jehol, Liachsi, and Liaotung each had an Economic Planning Committee as of August 1953; but in the provinces of Sungkiang, Heilungkiang, and Kirin there were no such organizations at that time. Economic planning may possibly have been made a function of the Finance Department in Heilungkiang and Kirin, and of the Trade Department in Sungkiang.

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Comments

2. Presumably this refers to the Chinese Communist Northeast Administrative Committee.
3. According to available information, the provinces of Jehol and Kirin do not have a Forestry Department; possibly forestry is combined with agriculture as in the provinces of Liaohsi, Liaotung, and Sungkiang.
4. Presumably the four departments and four divisions made up eight separate units.

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